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SCDXC Repeater 145.48 MHz, Trans -600 KHz. DX Net: Thursdays, 7:30 PM

NEXT MEETING: 7:30 PM THURSDAY MAR 14, DWP CAFETERIA, 111 N. HOPE ST.

MARCH MEETING

Those of you attending the contest forum at the 1984 Visalia Convention will remember photos of a truly impressive antenna installation underway near Escondido. Terry Dubson, W6MKB, a mechanical engineer with Hewlett Packard and brother of our own W6MDH, will use an illustrated history of his station to teach us a few things about mechanical and electrical reliability from Aluminum (choice of alloys and tempers) to Winches (hoisting without hernias), with a monster 80-meter beam tossed in. Don't miss it!

THANKS TO K6YRA AND HRO VAN NUYS

The Club thanks Ham Radio Outlet, Van Nuys, and Manager Al Friedman, K6YRA, for participation in the procurement of prizes for the February raffle program.

REPEATER NEWS

We are pleased to announce that Dan Magro, KV6I, has joined the Repeater Committee. Dan is a professional in two-way FM radio repair, and his knowledge and time will be of great value to the Club. Thanks, Dan!

On a related note, the primary repeater was taken down from Mt. Lukens on Sunday, 24 February, for analysis and repair. While it is being serviced, the back-up repeater is operating from the QTH of Dick Reimer, W6ET, in Inglewood.

WEEKLY REPEATER DX ROUNDTABLE

Just a reminder that every Thursday night at 7:30 PM the Club sponsors a DX Roundtable on the Club repeater 145.48/-600. The purpose of the DX Roundtable is the exchange of DX, Contest, and Club information. Your active support is encouraged.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thanks for your response to the latest Bulletin questionaire. Nearly forty forms have been received so far. A few highlights:
1) The TVI/RFI task force idea was an overwhelming favorite. We will coordinate with the ARRL and get something started.
2) Antenna/equipment help was also popular. More on this later.
3) The majority of respondents don't mind PL on the repeater, especially if it helps control technical problems or intentional QRM. In addition, only three don't like the "beep" after each transmission.
4) Continuations of the raffles is favored by better than 7 to 1.
5) Broadest support for allocation of funds went to DXpeditions and repeater improvements, followed by hosting visiting foreign DXers and support for hams facing restrictive tower/antenna laws or lawsuits.

Those of you who kindly offered help on one or more projects will be contacted as those projects begin to develop. We have a lot of exciting things to do, and your involvement will contribute greatly to the Club's success and our enjoyment of it. Thanks!

1985 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Your 1985 SCDXC Membership dues are past due. Dues were payable January 1st, 1985, and anyone whose dues are not payed by the April Board meeting will not receive a May Bulletin and their name will not appear in the 1985 Membership Directory.

Your April Bulletin mailing label will contain a red checkmark if you have not payed by that time. Why wait? Please send a check for $12.00 (put your call on the check) to the treasurer at the address below:

Esther Wolf, KB6HW
15524 Marilla St.
Sepulveda, CA 91343

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 10 MEETING
By Chris Williams KG6AR Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 PM by Marty Woll, N6VI, SCDXC President. One DX guest was in attendance: Mr. Ingemar Svensson, SMODRB.

Esther Wolf, KB6HW, our Treasurer, stated in her report that the Club had $8,015.57 in the bank, most of which was in an interest bearing account.

John Alexander, K6SVL, our Contest Chairman, reminded everyone that the ARRL DX Contest was upon us and to get our scores in to him for the Club score. John stated that even if we can only work a few hours, every little bit helps.

The evening program consisted of two slide presentations. The first was the Pribilof DXpedition. The second by Paul Gordon, N6LL, was the 1984 XE2SI Contest operation.

The meeting ended with the raffle and the following winners: KB6HW, K6OKW, N6JBY, W6FCF, KB6UI, W6SWE, W6AE, KG6IP.

The meeting was closed at 10:15 PM.

MEETING FACILITY SEARCH CONTEST

As announced at the February meeting, the DWP facilities will not be available after June. A search is underway for a new meeting location. The member who locates the facility which is selected to replace the current meeting place will receive a nice prize (Board of Directors members excluded). Contact any Board member for details.

1985 INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION

The Convention this year will be at the Centre Plaza Holiday Inn in Fresno on April 19, 20, and 21. The direct telephone number is 209-268-1000. It is best to call during normal weekday business hours.

All SCDXC members should have received a mailing with registration information.

ARRL DX CONTEST DEADLINE

All entries for the ARRL International Phone and CW DX Contests must be postmarked before April 2, 1985. Logs should be sent to ARRL. To participate in the Club competition you must also send your summary sheet to Contest Chairman John Alexander, K6SVL, 28403 Covecrest Dr., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90274.

MONTHLY DX ACTIVITY REPORT

There is a Monthly DX Report insert in this month's Bulletin mailing. Make copies of this form and report your DX activity, heard or worked, to the Bulletin editor. Please give the frequency to the nearest KHz and indicate both transmitting and receiving frequencies if the DX is operating split. Please mail the report to arrive before the last Thursday of the month. If more members contribute reports we will have better DX information in the Bulletin. The Bulletin editor's address is shown as the return address on the Bulletin.

OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

Technician through extra class amateur radio operator examinations are conducted the first Saturday of each month at the Lockheed Employees Recreation Club Amateur Radio Club, 2814 Empire Avenue, Burbank, CA 91504, 818-842-1863. Pre-registration is preferred. A self-addressed stamped envelope brings an FCC Form 610 application and associated information. Walk-in applicants accepted at your own risk (extra exams are limited). Novice tests are also scheduled at mutually satisfactory times.

DX COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARD???

How many Club members have an interest in a DX Computer Bulletin Board? This Bulletin Board could be reached initially by telephone and perhaps later by radio. If you have an interest, be at the next club meeting where we will call for a "show of hands". If you are unable to attend the club meeting drop a card to the editor at the return address on the Bulletin.

MARCH PROPAGATION FORECAST

Courtesy of CQ Magazine.

AHLBD-Above,High,Low,Below,Disturb

1-B	8-H	15-L	22-L	29-D
2-D	9-A	16-B	23-B	30-B
3-B	10-L	17-L	24-L	31-L
4-L	11-H	18-L	25-H	
5-B	12-L	19-L	26-L	
6-B	13-A	20-H	27-L	
7-L	14-H	21-L	28-B	

CQ AWARDS CHECKPOINTS

The SCDXC is a checkpoint for CQ Awards. If you have cards, contact Chris Williams, KG6AR, or John Alexander, K6SVL.

COMING DX ATTRACTIONS

A35 TONGA. A35EA March 12 for three weeks by ZL1AMO. Low band ops.

BV TAIWAN. March 7-10 by JAs.

FO CLIPPERTON. FO0XX April 3-11, 10-160 meters CW and SSB. Three stations 24 hours/day. Perhaps RTTY, OSCAR, and 6-meters.

FS ST. MARTIN. FG/KK9A/FS March 8-12. QSL to Callbook address.

KP1 NAVASSA. April 4-9, Jamaica and U.S. operators.

KP5 DESECHEO. March 7-11, 6-160 meters, Texas DX Society and KP4s. Calls expected: CW K5LZO/KP1; SSB NR5M/KP5.

PJ7 SINT MAARTEN. K2KTT/PJ7 until March 15. 15 meters daytime, 7050-7070 or 3770-3780 from 0030 to 0230. QSL to K2KTT.

SV GREECE. J4ATC March 16-22.

SV MT. ATHOS. Possible operation by IOSNY soon???

VK9X CHRISTMAS ISLAND. VK9XB and VK9XG March 26 to April 9, 40 and 75.

VP2E ANGUILLA. KK9A/VP2E March 4-8. QSL to Callbook address.

VO2M MONTSERRAT. VP2MDB now to March 17 by W2SWE. QSL to CBA.

VP8 SOUTH GEORGIA. VP8DIS March 8-9 by crew of Royal Research Ship Discovery. Try 14023 and 14123. Perhaps again in April.

XF4 REVILLA GIGEDO. March 7-9, possible operation by Mexico DX Club.

3B9 RODRIGUES. 3B9CD there until June. Try 1829 at 0130, later on 3505, 7005. On again at 1300. QSL to 3B8CD.

8Q MALDIVES. Now through March 13 by IK2CKR. Mostly CW on 1850, 7002, and 20 KHz above the low ends of 10-80. QSL: POB 10, 20080 Ozzero, Italy.

9J2 ZAMBIA. 9J2JN for 3-4 months. Active on 160 CW and SSB 0300-0500.

A35 TONGA.
T2 TUVALU.
ZK2 NIUE.
3D2 FIJI

Joe, WA6VNR, will be operating from the Pacific during March 16 through April 8. Tentative callsigns are A35CQ, T2CQ, ZK2CQ, and 3D2CQ. Joe will concentrate on 40 meter CW and 75 meter SSB. Others bands possible.

CONTINUING DX ATTRACTIONS

C21 NAURU. C21RK near 3787 from 0730. QSL Box 139, Republic of Nauru.

J28 DJIBOUTI. J28EB reported 14205-14230 daily from 2000. QSL to Box 2417, Djibouti.

TR8 GABON. TR8JLD near 7007 from 0030 (long path?). QSL POB 484 Libreville. TR8IG near 3510 from 0400. QSL to POB 740, Libreville. TR8DM near 14030 from 2100. QSL via F3CY.

VK0 MACQUARIE. VK0GC near 3797 around 1200.

ZC4 CYPRUS SBA. ZC4MR on 14225 Family Hour Net at 1600. QSL via G4SDJ.

4U1V U.N. VIENNA. 4U1VIC on 14215-14260 daily 1200-1500. This is a new DXCC country. QSL to CBA or OE Buro.

5T5 MAURITANIA. 5T5CJ on 1824-42 for an hour at 0700. QSL to W4BAA.

5Z4 KENYA. 5Z4DJ on 3775-3800 KHz daily from 0300. QSL to CBA.

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ARRL SOUTHWESTERN CONVENTION

The ARRL Southwestern Division Convention will be held aboard the R.M.S. Queen Mary on August 9, 10, and 11, 1985 at Long Beach. Senator Barry Goldwater, K7UGA, will be the Keynote Speaker at the Banquet. Roy Neal, K6DUE, NBC Science Editor, will be the Master of Ceremonies. Groups registering early can be assured of a table in the main ballroom. Contact Dan Davitt, N6CGB, for registration forms.

CE3ESS VISITS BEFORE CONVENTION

Mickey Gelerstein, CE3ESS, will be visiting in the Los Angeles area before attending the International DX Convention at Fresno. Mickey was one of the 20-meter coordinators for the CE0AA DXpedition. Tex Myers, N6AHV, is planning a "walk-through" dinner for him. Listen to the repeater and the Thursday night DX net for further details.

NCDXF BEACON NET - 14,100 KHz

If you are interested in propagation prediction as the sun spot cycle goes down into the low phase, consider the network of beacon stations operated by the Northern California DX Foundation. This network operates on 14,100 KHz. The sequence repeats every 10 minutes, 24 hours a day, and includes the following stations:

Time	Station
00:00	4U1UN
00:01	W6WX/6
00:02	KH6O/6
00:03	JA2IGY
00:04	4X4TU
00:05	OH2B
00:06	CT3B
00:07	ZS6DN/B
00:08	South America*
00:09	South America*

*To be announced soon.

Studies of these signals indicate that Solar Flux and a-Index from the WWV broadcasts at 18 minutes past the hour are the best propagation indicators.